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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.